

REMARKS

This application represents a 371 of PCT application PCT/JP03/16496. Due to amendments filed in the case of PCT/JP03/16496 according to Article 34 of the PCT, Claims 1-2, and 4-16 are pending in this application as originally filed.

Claims 4, 5, 7, and 9 through 14 are currently amended. New claims 17 through 25 are added. These amendments are made to resolve improper multiply dependent claims into proper dependent claims. Claims 12 and 13 have also been amended in matters of grammar.

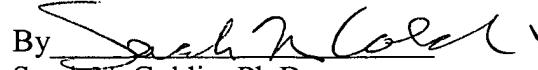
These amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Therefore these amendments introduce no new matter.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

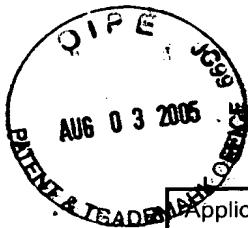
It is believed that no additional claim fees are required for this amendment. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is required or that a refund is owed for this application, then Applicants respectfully request and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) due to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 of Applicants' undersigned attorneys/agents.

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